

REMARKS

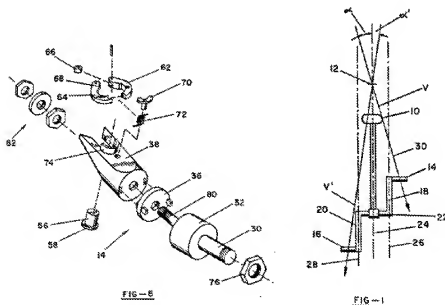
Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on July 30, 2010. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Sain (US 5199324).

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sain in view of Neff.

It is noted with gratitude that claims 12-14 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been accordingly amended.

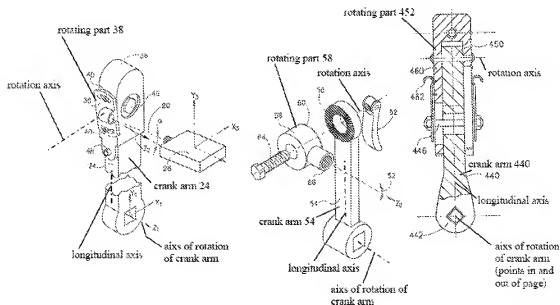
The above rejections are respectfully traversed. For example, regarding claim 19, it is respectfully pointed out that the claims sets forth “a threaded hole formed in said crank arm, wherein said threaded hole is tilted at a fixed non-zero angle from the axis of rotation of said crank arm”. Such structure is not found in Sain, reproduced here:



The crank arm is 18 from Fig. 1; however, the only threaded hole in Fig. 8 is in the pedal assembly (element 30 is the pedal shaft), not the crank arm, and even here there is no threaded hole which is tilted at a fixed non-zero angle from the axis of rotation of the crank arm. Thus, claim 19 is deemed patentable as is.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite a feature not found in the cited art, namely, that the “variable attachment device comprises a rotating part to which said pedal is attached, said rotating part being rotatably attached to a point on said crank arm distanced along a longitudinal axis of said crank arm from said axis of rotation of said crank arm, said rotating part being rotatable about a rotation axis which is generally perpendicular to said axis of rotation of said crank arm and generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.”

This structure is clearly seen in several embodiments, examples of which are shown here:



Claims 20 and 21 have been added and no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly claims 11-21 are deemed allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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